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GAUGE CONVERSION IN FAKIRAGRAM-DHUBRI
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress made in the gauge conversion work of Fakiragram-Dhubri rail line in Assam; and

(b) the total funds allocated and utilised on the project till date ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): On Fakiragram-Dhubri section (66.16 kms), gauge conversion of Fakiragram-Sapathgram (7.98 kms) has been taken up where bridge works are in progress. Earthwork and bridge works have also been taken up between Golakganj and Gauripur (13.36 kms). The work on rest of the section has not been taken up because of security reasons.

(b): Fakiragram-Dhubri gauge conversion is a part of New Jalpaiguri-Siliguri-New Bongaigaon including linked branch lines (419.48 kms). An expenditure of Rs.596.49 crore has been incurred on this project upto 31.03.2004. An outlay of Rs.30 crore has been provided for this project during 2004-05. The funds are being utilized for progressing the works on branch lines and also between New Jalpaiguri and New Bongaigaon.